

IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition 2020



Water for Smart Liveable Cities

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Why should you submit your work to the IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition 2020?

- **Contribute with your work to shape the global water agenda.**
- **Connect with leading professionals from within and outside the water sector.**
- **Learn and grow professionally through early access to the best content.**
- **Network with over 10,000 delegates and visitors from over 100 countries worldwide.**

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Denmark – Water for Smart Livable Cities

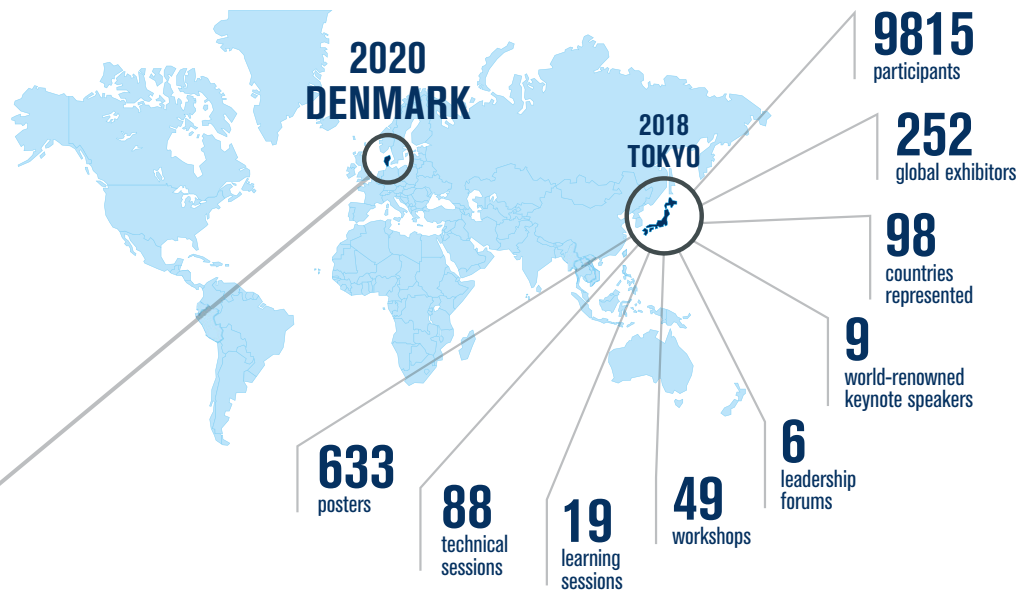
The 2020 World Water Congress & Exhibition in Copenhagen, Denmark is designed to bring together over 10,000 water professionals from academia, utilities, industry, government, regulators and NGOs and also engage the water-consuming industry, agriculture, architects and urban planners, hydrologists and soil and groundwater experts, social sciences, ICT-sector, the financial sector and others. The Congress is by nature a global forum for discussion. We invite you to be an active player in shaping the future of water at the IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition 2020 by submitting your outline papers, workshop or training proposals.

We live in a time of great change and with that comes great responsibility. In 2020, we have 10 years left to deliver on the UN 2030 Agenda for Change and meet the Sustainable Development Goals, including making significant progress on climate change mitigation as well as adaptation. This calls for a profound transformation, also in the water sector.

The IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition 2020 will take stock of the global water challenges we face, the emerging scientific breakthroughs and the innovative approaches and inspiring solutions validated around the world to set an unequivocal water-wise path ahead. With an emphasis on SDG6, dedicated to water and sanitation, the Congress will also highlight the interwoven relation of water with all 17 Global Goals and show examples of implementation and cooperation towards the fulfilment of the SDGs. Participants will present, analyse, discuss and highlight progress and solutions at high-level summits, technical sessions, poster sessions, workshops, training sessions and site-visits.

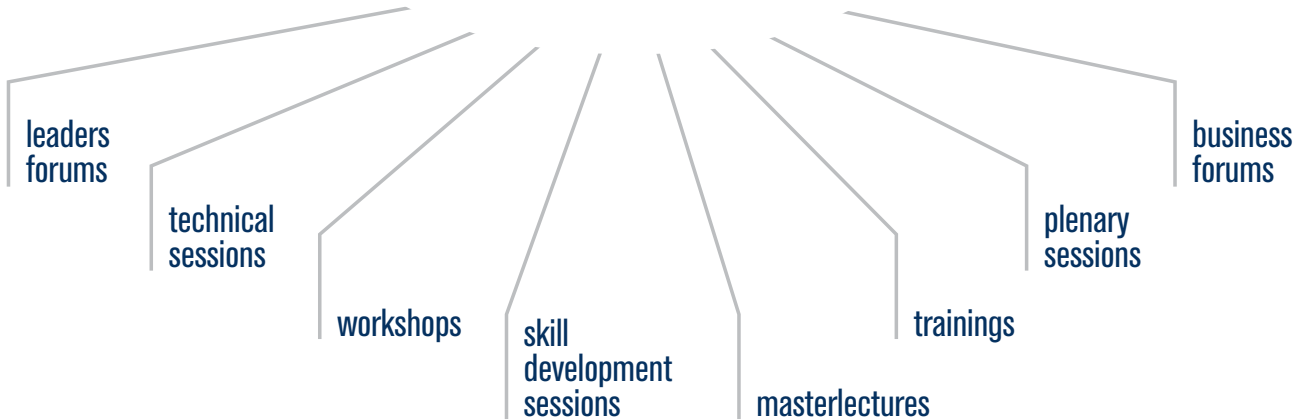
Through the underlying theme 'Water for smart liveable cities', a concept in which Denmark is leading, we will explore smart, holistic and liveable city solutions that utilize synergies between various intelligent systems, empower cities to adapt to a changing climate and meet the Paris agenda, whilst improving the quality of life and well-being of our societies. In addition, we will contribute to developing a global culture of innovation that can enable the radical transformations required.





Water for Smart Liveable Cities

19 Parallel Slots



#WorldWaterCongress 2020 in Copenhagen:

- Learn and grow professionally and expand your network through privileged access to the best content and the best people worldwide
- Visionary thinkers and compelling speakers on how water can create Smart Liveable Cities of the future, supported by the IWA Principles for Water Wise Cities.
- High-level summit with utility, government and city officials and other organisations about the progress towards implementation of the SDGs.
- Groundwater and digitalization as special focus areas.
- Engagement of the industry, agriculture and energy sectors.
- Advance opportunities for IWA Young Water Professionals and #EmergingWaterLeaders.
- Highlight global innovations and offer a global business platform.

Themes and topics for IWA WWCE 2020

WATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT

Theme 1

Utility corporate management

- The digital water utility (data management);
- Utility efficiency and benchmarking;
- Customer management and engagement;
- Trade waste (industry inflows) management;
- Public-private sector cooperation.

Performance optimization and resource recovery management

- Water & wastewater plant performances & optimization approaches;
- Water savings and reuse;
- Energy and carbon neutral urban water services;
- Circular economy initiatives;
- Adaptation to climate change impacts.

Infrastructure and assets

- Asset management and optimization
- Infrastructure rehabilitation;
- Sewer overflow prevention and management;
- Integration of decentralised solutions in a centralised system.

Policy and social aspects, crisis management

- Economic and financial drivers to create beneficial community outcomes;
- Interactions of utilities with local and regional government agencies;
- Outbreak management – learning from crises;
- Management of extreme events (earthquakes, floods, bushfires, major accidents and attacks etc).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT & RESOURCE RECOVERY

Theme 2

Biological wastewater treatment

- Nutrient removal;
- Anaerobic processes;
- Activated sludge processes;
- Biofilm and granular sludge processes;
- Membrane bioreactors;
- Microbial ecology (communities, meta-omics).

Resource recovery techniques

- Water reclamation for non-potable reuse;
- Energy efficiency and recovery;
- Recovery of nutrients and chemicals;
- Industry recycling and cross-industry synergies;
- Bio-electrochemical processes.

Physicochemical treatment

- Membrane applications in wastewater management;
- Advanced oxidation processes;
- Nanomaterials and nanotechnology;
- Other physico-chemical treatment techniques.

Dedicated treatment

- Treatment and recovery of industrial wastewater;
- Biosolids management & reuse;
- Emerging contaminants (micropollutants, pharmaceuticals, microplastics, ...);
- Decentralised treatment and non-sewered sanitation;
- Large wastewater treatment plants.

Digital wastewater treatment

- Modelling treatment processes and integrated systems;
- Instrumentation, control & automation.

DRINKING WATER & POTABLE REUSE

Theme 3

Drinking water production

- Unit operations (coagulation, (bio) filtration, membrane processes, activated carbon, ozonation...);
- Disinfection techniques and by-products management;
- Groundwater-based drinking water supply;
- Potable reuse technologies;
- Alternative drinking water production (rainwater harvesting, decentralised production, etc.),
- Emerging contaminants and antibiotic resistance bacteria/genes;
- Taste and odour.

Distribution systems

- Distribution piping (house/building plumbing, metal and plastic leaching etc.);
- Non-revenue water and leakage management;
- Microbiology and biofilms.

Management, policy and social aspects

- Water quality standards, regulations and economics;
- Microbial and chemical risk assessment including toxicology;
- Disaster management and water safety plans;
- Water demand management and use efficiency;
- Communication with stakeholders.

Digital drinking water

- Monitoring and control;
- Data management and data security;
- IoT initiatives, data and hardware integration;
- Modelling treatment processes and systems.

CITY-SCALE PLANNING & OPERATIONS

Theme 4

Planning

- Integration of water management and urban planning;
- Modelling and other decision-support tools for urban water planning;
- Resilience planning and design;
- Impact of urban (re)development and densification on water management;
- Impacts and mitigation of climate change.

Infrastructure and operations

- Modelling/optimisation of water supply and sewer networks and processes;
- Sewer infiltration-inflows, unintended sewer in-/overflows;
- Rehabilitation and retrofitting of water and wastewater infrastructure;
- Rainwater, stormwater and urban drainage;
- Urban scale groundwater mapping, monitoring and modelling;
- Water-energy interactions in the urban water cycle.

Digital water cities

- Sensors, instrumentation and IoT in urban systems;
- From data to information to decision;
- Data management, accessibility and security;
- Use of weather radar, numerical weather prediction, drones and remote sensing.

Water wise cities

- Nature-based solutions, sponge cities and blue/green infrastructure;
- Water-sensitive urban design and hybrid centralised/ decentralised solutions;
- Transitioning to and implementation of sustainable and water wise cities;
- Quantification of economic, human and environmental benefits of water wise solutions;
- Challenges and progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

COMMUNITIES, COMMUNICATION & PARTNERSHIPS

Theme 5

Capacity building and communication

- Community, customer and stakeholder engagement and communication at local level;
- Community behaviour change – methods, communication and incentives;
- Community-focused decision making;
- Resilience planning across the water cycle and the community.

Digital transformation

- Impacts of digital transformation on society, citizens, and businesses;
- Customer management and engagement using digital tools;
- Integration/management of databases across urban and water system.

Policy and regulation

- Cost of water, pricing and incentives;
- Regulation coordination across agencies (economic, environmental, services etc.);
- Incentives and drivers to enable change;
- System thinking and planning;
- Environmental impact assessment based planning.

Cross-sectorial governance

- Enabling health, well-being and liveability outcomes;
- Life with water, art and architecture;
- Entrepreneurship and innovation partnerships;
- Cross-institutional coordination and collaboration;
- Partnerships and cooperation in and beyond the water sector;
- Water management in industries.

WATER RESOURCES & LARGE SCALE WATER MANAGEMENT

Theme 6

Groundwater

- Groundwater mapping, monitoring and modelling;
- Protection of groundwater quality and quantity;
- Soil contamination and groundwater remediation;
- Governance, management and institutional arrangements.

Surface water

- Surface water monitoring systems and models;
- Protection of surface water quality and quantity;
- Source-to-sea pollution management;
- Pollution from point sources – agriculture, industry, urban
- Diffuse pollution – sources and mitigation;
- Water-related ecosystems and environmental flows;

Integrated water resource management

- Water stress, droughts and floods, including impact of climate change;
- Catchment management and ecosystem services on different scales;
- Large-scale nature-based solutions and biodiversity;
- Water rights, trading and partnerships.

Holistic assessments

- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), water efficiency, water footprint, virtual water, etc.;
- Planetary boundaries and science of sustainability;
- Water resource management towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

What can authors submit?

OUTLINE PAPERS

- Oral presentation (15 min) or poster;
- Oral presentations form technical sessions (90 min);
- Authors invited to potential publication with IWA Publishing.

WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

- 90 min workshop proposal;
- Designed to foster interactive discussions and collaboration;
- Meant to discuss issues, generate ideas and create solutions.

TRAINING PROPOSALS

- 90 min or up to three sessions (full day);
- Tailored to improve particular skills;
- Focused on specific topics or integrating complementary skills.

Submit at www.worldwatercongress.org

Authors may submit an unlimited number of proposals. However, each presenting author can only be assigned up to two presentation activities during the Congress.

How is content selected?

All the content submitted to the IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition 2020 will be peer reviewed by a panel of water professionals. The Programme Committee will then, considering their expertise and the results of the peer review, form the technical programme of the Congress.

The evaluation of the content will consider, among others:

- The impact of the work in addressing pressing water challenges;
- The originality of the work, describing new solutions or approaches;
- The fit between the thematic tracks and the proposal;
- The stage of development of the proposal (e.g. specific results based on data and/or a strong rationale).

IWA expects to receive more than 2000 submissions. From the pool of submissions the Programme will include approximately 350 oral presentations, 600 poster presentations and 65 workshops and trainings.

Will papers be published?

The Congress delegates will have access to digital pre-print proceedings that include the content that forms the technical programme. The submissions selected for oral presentation will be invited to submit a full paper and will be considered by IWA Publishing for potential publication in one of IWA Publishing journals.

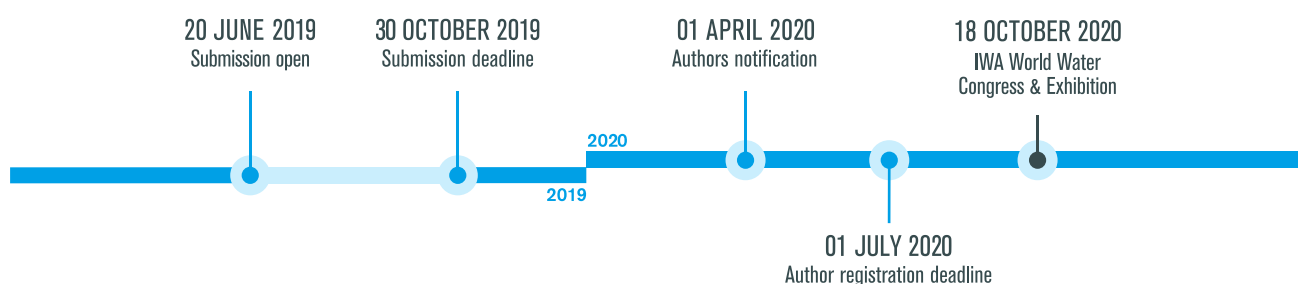
Author registration fee

All authors (oral presenters, poster presenters, workshop organisers, training organisers) are required to register to attend the Congress. Presenting authors are eligible for discounted registration rates.

Authors do not need to be members of IWA. However, IWA members have access to a series of benefits including significant registration discounts.

Become a member at www.iwa-network.org/join.

Key dates



If you have any question, please consult www.worldwatercongress.org.



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